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Attached for filing in connection with the above-captioned patent application are the following documents:

1. Amendment/Reply and Examiner Interview Summary including cover page (1 page), Examiner Interview Summary (1 page), Amendments to the Claims (3 pages) and Remarks/Arguments (3 pages)

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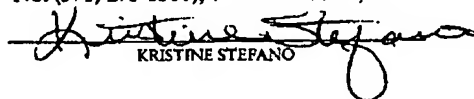
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EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

In response to the Office Action of August 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Examiner Interview Summary begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

No fee is believed to be necessary for entry of this paper. If this should prove incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Faegre & Benson Deposit Account No. 06-0029 as necessary, and is requested to notify us of the same.

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EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Mr. Robert B. Leonard and Examiner Chaudray spoke by telephone on July 19, 2005. In this conversation, the Examiner stated that all pending claims 1-18 were subject to restriction. In particular, the position was taken that the application includes claims directed to two distinct inventions. Group I, claims 1-14, are drawn to a method of cleaning a contaminated surface, while Group II, claims 15-18, are drawn to a head suspension. Mr. Leonard made a provisional election without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-14.